



**INDIAN NATIONS**

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**Within**

**U.S. EPA, REGION 2**

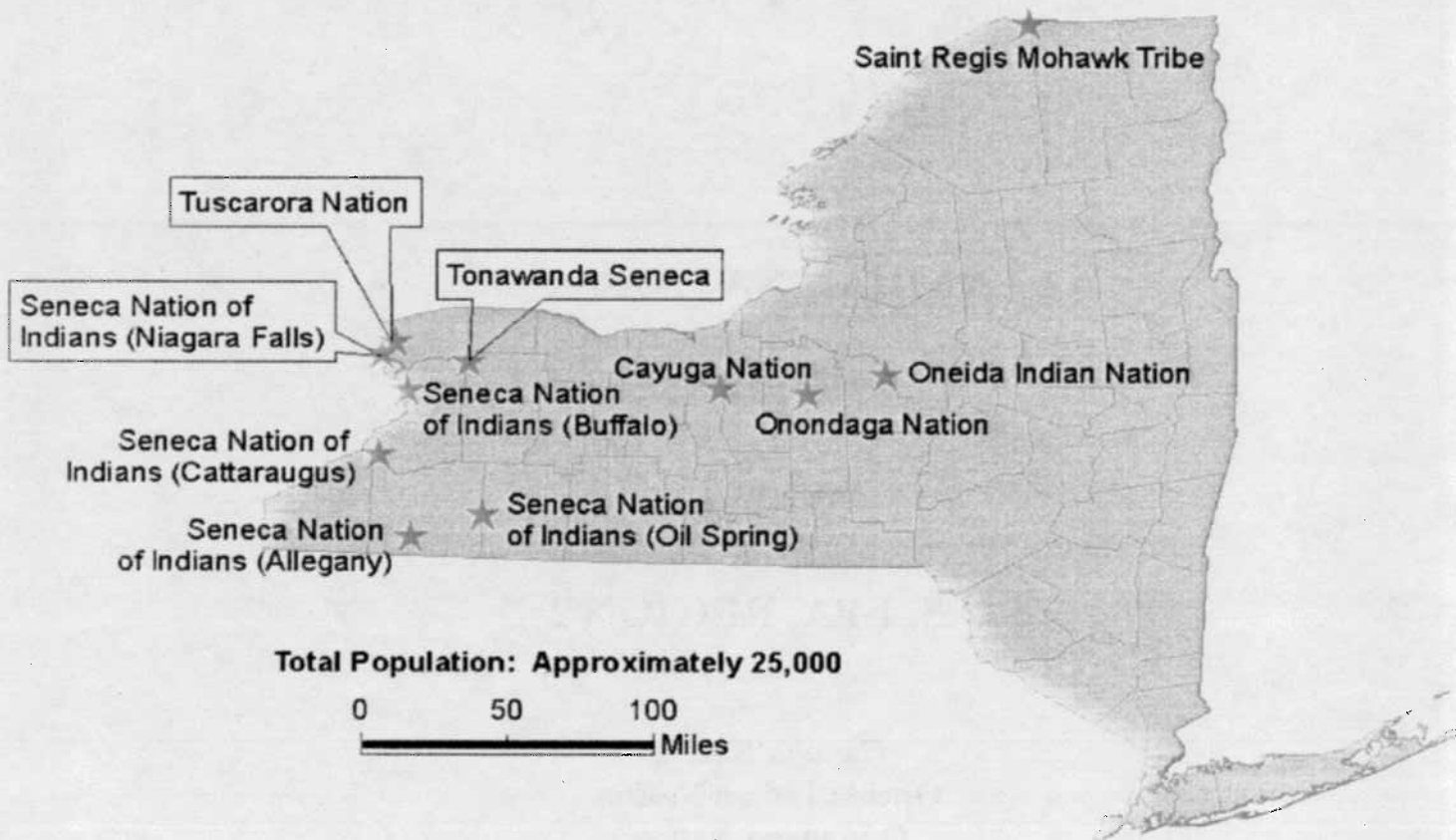
**Cayuga Nation  
Oneida Indian Nation  
Onondaga Nation  
Seneca Nation of Indians  
Shinnecock Indian Nation  
St. Regis Mohawk Tribe  
Tonawanda Band of Senecas  
Tuscarora Nation**

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# MAP OF CURRENT INDIAN NATION LOCATIONS

## Approximate Locations of Current Federally Recognized Indian Nation Lands in Region 2





CAYUGA NATION  
PEOPLE OF THE GREAT SWAMP



## CAYUGA NATION

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### LAND BASE

The Cayuga Nation has purchased lands that are within the original Cayuga Reservation and within the Cayuga Land Claim. The exact total acreage is unknown, but is estimated at around 300 acres. This acreage includes a gas station within Seneca Falls, Seneca County, New York, and a gas station within Union Springs, Cayuga County, New York. The Nation in the past has expressed purchasing lake front property on Cayuga Lake, as well as additional properties within the Land Claim area. The Cayuga Nation through the Canandaigua Treaty of 1794 identified 64,000 acres as a land claim area surrounding Cayuga Lake (including Seneca Falls, Geneva, Auburn, Ovid, Union Springs).

In December 2005, the S.H.A.R.E. (Strengthening Haudenosaunee-American Relations through Education) Farm was signed over to the Cayuga Nation by the American citizens who purchased and developed the 70-acre farm in Aurora, NY. It is the first area of property to belong to the Cayuga Nation and the first instance of Cayuga living within the borders of their ancestral homeland in over 200 years.

### MEMBERSHIP/POPULATION

There are approximately 472 Cayuga residing throughout the Seneca Nation of Indians' Cattaraugus Territory, Tonawanda Seneca Nation, Tuscarora Nation, Onondaga Nation and all over the United States. Recently, several Cayugas have returned to Seneca Falls, NY and live in HUD housing.

### GOVERNMENT

The Cayuga Nation has a centuries old traditional form of government where the Clan Mothers select the Chiefs. The Council of Chiefs, made up of one Chief from each of the clans, legislates to protect the welfare of all Cayuga people and lands. Additionally, the Cayuga Chiefs sit on the Haudenosaunee Grand Council.

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INFRASTRUCTURE

The Cayuga Nation has delegates who serve as representatives to the Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force (HETF). The Cayuga Nation notified EPA via letter dated September 29, 1998, that it supports the development of an environmental program for the Cayuga Nation through the assistance of the HETF. Dan Hill is the current Cayuga-HETF Environmental Technician.



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### LAND BASE & SERVICE AREA

In recent history and up until 1985, the Oneida Indian Reservation was a 32-acre tract within the external boundaries of Madison County, New York (off Route 46, south of City of Oneida). In addition, the Oneida Indian Nation purchased land through Quit Claim deeds, approximately 17,000 acres that were part of the original reservation but that are outside of the recognized present-day reservation. The City of Sherrill challenged the Oneida's position that the Nation did not have to pay property taxes for those lands. In March 2005, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Oneida Indian Nation waited too long to assert sovereignty over those lands and taxes must be paid. To date, it is unclear whether this Supreme Court decision is limited only to tax matters. In response to the Supreme Court ruling, the Oneida filed an application with U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) requesting that the 17,000 acres be taken into Trust. On May 21, 2008, BIA determined to place 13,004 acres into Trust. Approximately 8,000 acres of that land lies in Verona, NY and much of it is occupied by the \$360 million Turning Stone Casino & Resort.

Service Area: Counties of Chenango, Cortland, Herkimer, Madison, Oneida, and Onondaga.

### MEMBERSHIP/POPULATION

Approximately 100 members live within the Reservation, and 1,000 Tribal members live within the service area.

### GOVERNMENT

The Oneida Indian Nation has one BIA-recognized Nation Representative, currently Raymond Halbritter. Although there has been much controversy, EPA recognizes Mr. Halbritter as the federally-recognized Oneida Indian Nation representative for purposes of government-to-government relationships. Nation Representatives are selected by consensual agreement by the Oneida Indian Nation members. Each of the three clans (Wolf, Bear and Turtle) discuss and select, and singularly support an individual to hold a leadership position, known as a Nation Representative (the only persons who may speak for or contract on behalf of the Oneida Indian Nation).





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### LAND BASE

The Onondaga Reservation contains 7,300 acres and is located within the boundaries of Onondaga County, New York.

### MEMBERSHIP/POPULATION

There is an enrolled membership of approximately 1,838.

### GOVERNMENT

The Onondaga Nation has a centuries old traditional form of government where the Clan Mothers select the Chiefs. The Council of Chiefs, made up of one Chief from each of the clans, also sit on the Haudenosaunee Grand Council (Chiefs from each of the Six Nations meet regularly at Onondaga).

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INFRASTRUCTURE

The Onondaga Nation has delegates who serve as representatives to the HETF. Onondaga Nation leadership and HETF representatives have attended the annual EPA/Indian Nation leaders meetings. The Onondaga Nation notified EPA that it supports the development of an environmental program for the Onondaga Nation through the assistance of the HETF. The current Onondaga-HETF Environmental Technician is Curtis Waterman.



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### LAND BASE & CONGRESSIONAL VILLAGES

**Land Base:** SNI lands consist of three reservations: Cattaraugus (21,660 acres in Chautauqua, Erie and Cattaraugus Counties), Allegany (22,000 acres in Cattaraugus County) including the City of Salamanca, and Oil Springs (642 acres in Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties). In addition, SNI has land on which it established a casino in December 2002 in the Niagara Falls area. Since Spring 2006, the SNI acquired 9 acres in Buffalo for gaming and opened a casino in July 2007. There are also SNI gaming operations on the Allegany Reservation. The BIA identifies the SNI reservations as totaling 64,320 acres.

### MEMBERSHIP/POPULATION

The Tribal membership is approximately 7,200. Approximately 2,000 Tribal members live on the Cattaraugus Reservation and about 1,000 members live on the Allegany Reservation. Approximately 3,000 non-Tribal members also reside within the reservations. There are no residents in the Oil Springs Reservation.

### GOVERNMENT

**Governing Body:** The Seneca Constitution provides for three branches of government: Legislative, Executive and Judicial. The Legislative Branch is composed of sixteen Tribal Council members who serve a four-year term. The Executive Branch allows for a two-year term for a President, Clerk and Treasurer who cannot succeed themselves. The Judicial Branch has six judges in the Peacemakers Court, two judges in the Surrogates Court, plus two Chief Marshals.

**Casinos/Resorts:** The Seneca Nation of Indians owns 3 casino/gaming establishments and is developing a golf-course enterprise.

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INFRASTRUCTURE

SNI established an Environmental Protection Office in 1993, and selected an Environmental Director in 1994. The SNI Environmental Protection Department has made efforts to fully educate the community (newsletter, etc). The SNI Environmental Protection Department was awarded a 1996 Environmental Quality Award.



## SHINNECOCK INDIAN NATION

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### LANDBASE

While ancestral lands have dwindled over the centuries from a territory stretching at least from what is known today as the Town of Easthampton and westward to the eastern border of the Town of Brookhaven, the Nation still holds on to approximately 1,200 acres.

### MEMBERSHIP/POPULATION

The Shinnecock Indian Nation has approximately 1,300 people, more than 600 of whom reside on the reservation adjacent to the Town of Southampton on the East End of Long Island.

Traditionally, decisions concerning the welfare of the tribe were made by consensus of adult male members. Seeking to shortcut the consensus process in order to more easily facilitate the acquisition of Indian lands, the Town of Southampton devised a three member trustee system for the Shinnecock people. This system of tribal government was approved by the New York State legislature in February of 1792. Since April 3, 1792, Shinnecock Indians have gone to the Southampton Town Hall the first Tuesday in April to elect three tribal members to serve a one- year term as trustees. In April 2007, the Shinnecock Indian Nation exercised its sovereign right as an ancient Indian Nation and returned to one of its basic traditions: it bypassed the Southampton Town Hall and for the first time since 1792 held its leadership elections at home, where they will remain.

The trustee system, however, did not then and does not now circumvent the consensus process, which still remains the governing process of the Shinnecock Indian Nation. Major decisions concerning the tribe are voted ye or nay by all eligible adult members, including women, who gained the right to vote in the mid-1990s. Also in that period, the Shinnecock Nation installed a Tribal Council, a 13 member body elected for two-year terms. The Council is an advisory body to the Board of Trustees.





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### **LAND BASE**

The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT) Reservation (Akwesasne) consists of 16,640 acres within the external boundaries of both the State of New York and Canada. The land, according to BIA, is restricted status with title held in fee by the Tribe. The Tribe does not recognize the international border in relation to the Mohawk community.

### **MEMBERSHIP/POPULATION**

The United States portion of the population is approximately 9,500. The total population of the Mohawk Nation (US and Canada) is approximately 15,200.

### **GOVERNMENT**

**Governing Body:** The SRMT has a Three Chief System. BIA recognizes the SRMT governing body and its three Chiefs.

**Historical Attitude/Issues:** For several years, the SRMT has actively participated with EPA in activities relating to a CERCLA/SARA site. In addition, it has received EPA program technical assistance and grants.

**Casinos/Resorts:** The SRMT opened a casino April 1999 on reservation land.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INFRASTRUCTURE**

The SRMT established the Environment Division to implement an environmental protection program which is responsible for air and water quality monitoring, soil analysis, developing and enforcing tribal standards, sanitation and waste disposal, environmental rehabilitation/reclamation, and emergency preparedness and response.





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### **LAND BASE**

The Tonawanda Band of Seneca's territory consists of 7,549 acres located in Genesee and Erie Counties, just west of Basom, New York.

### **MEMBERSHIP/POPULATION**

Tonawanda Band of Seneca population is over 1,100. Approximately 700 live on the Reservation.

### **GOVERNMENT**

The Tonawanda Band of Senecas prefers to be called the "Tonawanda Seneca Nation". The Nation has a centuries old traditional form of government where the Clan Mothers select the Chiefs. The Council of Chiefs, made up of one Chief from each of the eight clans, legislate to protect the welfare of all Tonawanda Band of Seneca people and lands. Additionally, the Tonawanda Band of Senecas Chiefs sit on the Haudenosaunee Grand Council.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

The Tonawanda Band of Senecas has delegates who serve as representatives on HETF who, along with the Nation's leadership, have attended the annual EPA/Indian nation leaders meeting. The Nation notified EPA March 3, 1999, that it supports the development of an environmental program for the Tonawanda Band of Senecas through the assistance of the HETF. The letter states that in no way does the Tonawanda Band of Senecas Council of Chiefs relinquish its sovereignty or jurisdiction over its lands in any way with the approval of this program. At present EPA is responding to Tonawanda Band of Senecas' environmental program development through the HETF.



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### **LAND BASE**

The Reservation of approximately 5,700 acres is located in Niagara County, New York. The Tuscarora Nation lost 550 acres to New York State Power Authority for use as a reservoir.

### **MEMBERSHIP/POPULATION**

Membership of approximately 1,200 reside within the Reservation.

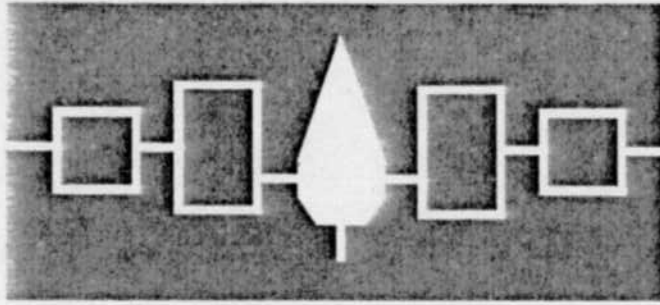
### **GOVERNMENT**

The Tuscarora Nation has a centuries old traditional form of government where the Clan Mothers select the Chiefs. The Council of Chiefs, made up of one Chief from each of the clans, legislate to protect the welfare of all Tuscarora Nation people and lands. Additionally, the Tuscarora Nation Chiefs sit on the Haudenosaunee Grand Council.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INFRASTRUCTURE**

The Tuscarora Nation Environment Office was established in 1997. The Tuscarora Nation is focusing on identifying and prioritizing environmental concerns. It initiated a school food-waste composting program, and a drinking water well testing system. EPA and the Tuscarora Nation are communicating regarding development of a solid waste program. The Tuscarora Nation has begun to play an important role in building the consortium of Indian Nations via its newsletter, which provides information on the environment.

The Tuscarora Nation has delegates who serve as representatives to the HETF. Tuscarora Nation leadership and HETF representatives have attended the annual EPA/Indian nation leaders meetings. The Tuscarora Nation notified EPA that it supports the development of an environmental program for the Tuscarora Nation through the assistance of the HETF, and that all monies flow through the HETF for the purpose of this work.



## **HAUDENOSAUNEE ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE (HETF)** **(Cayuga, Onondaga, Tonawanda Seneca & Tuscarora Nations)**

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### **DESCRIPTION**

The Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force addresses the environmental issues facing the traditional Haudenosaunee Territories. The Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force has members appointed by their traditional councils from the Six Nations: Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca and Tuscarora.

Under the organization of a '*tribal consortium*', the United States Environmental Protection Agency has funded HETF under their General Assistance Program to work, in part, on various environmental issues for four Indian Nations: Cayuga, Onondaga, Tonawanda Seneca and Tuscarora.

The environmental philosophy of the HETF is to harvest only what you can eat or use, consider the Seven Unborn Generations, and give thanks.



